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Toc H is a Movement of people who seek to build friendships, and offer service, across the barriers that usually divide us from one another. The basic unit is the group – at best a good cross-section of the local neighbourhood – which meets together regularly, and seeks to serve the community around it. Toc H was founded in 1915 by the Rev P B 'Tubby' Clayton, and since then has been providing opportunities for people to test the Christian way by practical experiment.

All members pledge themselves to try:

1. To welcome all in friendship and lessen by habit of thought, word and deed the prejudices which separate people.
2. To give personal service.
3. To find their own convictions while listening with respect to the views of others.
4. To acknowledge the spiritual nature of man and to test the Christian way by trying it.

This magazine is a forum for ideas about Toc H and about the world as well as a record of Toc H service. Its title derives from the third of these Four Points.

Editorial

A New Editor . . .

Looking for a new Editor for a magazine like Point Three is not an easy task. The qualities needed are not readily found in one person. Clearly the Editor needs to be someone with writing skills, able both to write well, and enable others who may have some difficulty in putting words to paper, to say what they want to say in the way they want to say it. Of equal importance is a knowledge of the Movement. Point Three, although it is primarily an 'in house' magazine, is also read by many who are not members in even the widest sense, so it is perceived as the mouthpiece of Toc H, carrying news of its activities and interests to quite a wide and varied audience. An Editor who didn't know the Movement would find that an impossible undertaking, at least in his or her early months. It is important, too, for any Editor of Point Three to be 'at home' with the Four Points – all of them. Here is encapsulated the essence of Toc H, put into words with uncommon – even uncharacteristic – clarity.

Patterns of membership are changing, and the impact of 25 years of projects is being quite widely felt. The membership may be getting smaller, but it is my impression that it is also getting younger. That in its turn means that a younger Editor of Point Three can produce a magazine which appeals more to younger members, and to younger people outside the Movement.

If all that seems to set the tone for an impossible brief, it's not meant to! But it represents some of the reasons why I am especially glad to be able to tell you that, as from 1 September 1987, the new Editor will be Judith Rice. Judith has had a long association with Toc H. Having been on several projects she came to be a Long Term Volunteer working with me in Milton Keynes for six months before going to Oxford to read Ancient and Modern History. After gaining her degree she went to work as a psychiatric nurse at the Warnford Hospital in Oxford. She has gone on from that to teach English as a foreign language, an experience which will stand her in good stead in her new post! I am delighted that she has come to Point Three, and will be looking forward to seeing her begin to impart some of her flair and fizz to its pages.

As for me, I shall be glad to return to more of a pastoral role in Toc H. I have enjoyed a great deal of the last 16 months, and I am deeply grateful for the support and encouragement which you have all given me. You will, I know, give that same encouragement and support to Judith. However, I have felt increasingly in recent years that Toc H has forgotten what its clergy are really for, and has tended to treat them as though they were somehow ex-clergy. But Toc H, as well as being a movement of which I am glad to be a member, is also a vehicle for that priestly and pastoral ministry to which I have a vocation, and I am glad that I shall once again be able to devote my time and energy to that role more directly.

. . . and a new LTV!

To announce two new appointments to the Editorial Office in the same edition may well be unprecedented – but that doesn't mean it can't happen! We have felt for some time that there was an opportunity for a young person who was serious about journalism, or an associated career, to spend a year helping to develop Point Three, and in the process having a wide experience of Toc H. Sue Biggerstaff joined us as an LTV at the end of July. Our immediate need has been for her to visit a number of Projects as a reporter/photographer so that we can improve our Projects coverage. She will spend most of her year, though, producing features about various aspects of Toc H life, and will have the time to visit, complete with tape recorder and camera, whatever part of the Movement she is to write about. She will also learn about, and help with, all other aspects of the magazine's production. We are very glad to welcome her, and wish her a successful year.

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Cover Picture

Face painting at the Greathouse Fete.
See Carol Button's article,
'Come to the Fair', in this issue.

Photo: Carol Button.



'Three little maids from school are we!'. Three of the 18 children from South East London whom the Shooters Hill Action Group took to Port Penrhyn.

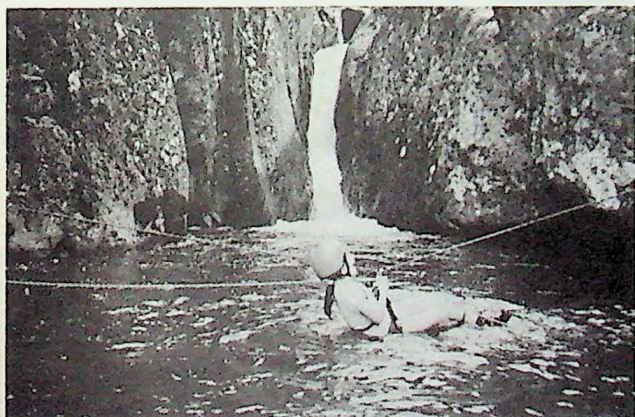
From Shooters Hill to Port Penrhyn



All that fresh air and exercise builds up quite an appetite, as the 10 volunteers discovered when it came to doing the cooking! However, lest you should conclude that the food was not so good let me hasten to reassure you. 'The food was well prepared and edible' says Jackie Lane, who sent us this report, 'except for Saturday's breakfast'. There must be a story there.



Climbing, or scrambling, is another enjoyable pastime – and, of course, it helps work up an appetite. On reflection it was probably a good thing that it was breakfast on Saturday that went wrong. After all, who would want to get back after a day like this to a culinary disaster!



'I thought we were going to get over here without getting wet!' The countryside around Port Penrhyn is beautiful – and contains a large amount of water, ranging from the Menai Strait to mountain streams.



'He ain't heavy, he's my brother!' The end of a long day and – well, Toc H volunteers always have broad shoulders. The verdict on it all? A great week, and we'd like to go again.

Round and about

A Diamond Occasion For Colwyn Bay

The Diamond Jubilee of the Colwyn Bay Branch, the first in North Wales, will be celebrated on 19 September with a service of re-dedication followed by a Festival Evening at the Branch's meeting place, the Methodist Church, Old Colwyn. Despite the vicissitudes of the years the Branch has continued to replenish its ranks and fulfil its commitments to serve the community. Although being a Men's Branch until last year, it is now enrolling the gentle sex and is already responding to a changing pattern of Branch life.

The one time jobs of support for local hospitals, providing radios for the blind, raising funds for good causes, developing family relationships through children's shows etc, have given way to the provision of holidays for handicapped children, sponsoring a Youth Action Group, and providing work in community work.

The Branch has been favoured by the calibre of its members, and has provided leaders for District, Area, Regional and Central Council duties. It is the fervent hope that the experiences and traditions of the past, the commitments now being undertaken through a younger membership will ensure a prosperous future for the Branch.

Introducing the 'Birmingham Inter Act Group'

Tim Beckett has written to give us news of a new group in Birmingham. What used to be 'The Brumblebees' had got a bit low, but a new image and a new name have brought what Tim calls 'a much needed injection of new volunteers'. That means, he says, that the group can not only continue with its programme of activities, it can actually expand. What do they do? Well, playdays, parties and trips to places of interest for local deprived children, camping weekends and conservation work. So far the summer has included clearing some of the rubbish dumped in a local stream ('great fun - and very wet' says Tim); taking a party of children from a special school to a roller skating and BMX track, and, later, involving local residents in fishing for more rubbish in that stream.

If you happen to live in the area and would like to know more, please get in touch with Kate Mott, 24 Grove Avenue, Moseley, Birmingham. Telephone: 021 449 4668. Why don't you give it a try?

Staffordshire Birthdays

Newcastle — the Staffordshire Newcastle — and nearby Wolstanton Branches have been celebrating birthdays recently. Newcastle, still quite young, had its 30th birthday in May, and celebrated it in time with a birthday party which was enjoyed by members and guests.

If Newcastle Branch is still quite young Wolstanton Branch has to be considered as little more than a babe in arms! It was two in August and, says Joan Bailey, 'Lacks nothing in quality, but is a bit low on quantity, having six members with two more probationers'. So come on all you Wolstanton folk — you're missing out on something good.

Vote-winning Toc H

'If you are a Toc H man you must be alright. You'll have my vote!' This was John Boon's message for David Mayhew, a member of staff in Newcastle and an Alliance candidate in the General Election. John is almost 90 years old and has a fascinating diary of exploits in the Royal Flying Corps during the First War. In the midst of daily accounts of the triumphs and deaths of air aces such as the famous Captain Albert Ball, DSO, MC, he writes, 'April 28th: Heard first cuckoo'. He also reports the impact of Baron von Richofen's notorious 'Flying Circus' and the formation of 56 Squadron to combat it.

Other memorable incidents include the recounting by French Peasants during the Second War of the honour shown Captain Ball by gallant German opponents in the manner of his burial 40 years earlier; and the story of four seven year old boys dislodged from their tent on an embankment in North

Shields by an unexploded bomb, dropped from a Zeppelin, and rolling down towards the sea. They ran home, scared but unhurt.

'Meeting John was one of the blessings of the election campaign', said David. 'I try to keep Toc H and my party political activities separate, but we could certainly do with another 10,000 members with John's attitude in Tynemouth!'

'Link' in Corsham

'Link' is a local Community Self-Help Organisation which has recently opened a branch in Corsham, Wiltshire. As its name suggests it tries to link those who have a need with those who can offer a skill or some other kind of resource in the Community, and the Toc H Branch in Corsham has been helping 'Link' to get started there. The Branch has raised £60 to enable the scheme to have a telephone, and Lily Rogers tells us that they help with the various community tasks which 'Link' has undertaken.

A Deeper Involvement

Toc H in Newsome had been hard at work fund raising and planning for their annual outing for the housebound. It all came together on Saturday 11 July when 65 people were taken out for a day in the country, with lunch and tea provided. The day was brought to a happy end with a concert in the evening.

Ken Asquith says that the event — and all the planning, fund raising and help which they need to carry it off — is getting the Branch more deeply involved in village life as well as simply providing a service to the housebound.



A Royal Gift

In 1950 the former Womens' Association held a fair in Westminster to which the Queen Mother, as Patron of the Association, sent a gift of a canteen of cutlery in Staybrite steel. It was brought by a member of Tetterhall Branch, near Wolverhampton who has since died. Her executors have returned it to the Branch. It has not been used and still contains the note from the Lady-in-waiting. It is now in my care, and I have been instructed by our District Team to offer it for sale. It has been suggested that the money received be given to Alison House. The canteen, in a wooden case, contains six knives, forks, dessert spoons, teaspoons and two serving spoons.

I will be pleased to receive offers before the end of November and will despatch the goods to the highest bidder.

Marjorie Berry

'High Tor'

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Penn

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Please note . . .

In the August issue, under the heading 'Sleeping Better', would you please note that the last five lines should have read:

Send your contributions to:

Bert Hill, 228 Ben Davies Court, Underhill, Romiley, Stockport, Cheshire SK6 4QP. Cheques made payable to A Hill Toc H A/C. And sleep well!

Ed.



The Plus Bus is Dead- Long Live the Plus Bus!

Arend Hoogervorst

(From 'The Compass' - The Journal of Toc H Southern Africa).

You may remember reading that the Plus Bus had finally come to the end of its days. There was a personal pang in that for me as there must have been for many. However, news comes from South Africa of a strangely familiar project. Read on!

- Editor

'Toc H is now the proud owner of a 1959 R.E.C. Regent, Mark V, double-decker bus. Now I am sure many of you are now saying to yourselves "Now why on earth has Toc H got itself an old bus?" That is a fair question for which there is a fair answer with a little story attached to it.

'During one of the slide shows given by the 1985 UK Volunteers, mention was made of the Toc H "Plus Bus", and its use as a Publicity Unit and project centre. Deanise Willis from Bloemfontein and I gave this some thought and asked ourselves "Why doesn't Toc H in Southern Africa do something like that?" We couldn't think of any answers why not so began scheming.

'After a lot of negotiating, the Johannesburg Municipal Transport Department and the Management Committee agreed to donate a bus to Toc H. The bus was sitting in a bus graveyard waiting to have life breathed into it, or should I say Toc H breathed into it.

'(Thought - is there anything in the constitution that says we can't make a bus a Toc H member?) The bus was towed to its first "hospital" site on

Tuesday, 23 September, where a bunch of mechanical fiddlers will fix up the engine so that it can be driven down to Bloemfontein where another bunch of mechanical customisers will strip it and redress it in a coat of bright Toc H colours and fill it with equipment for projects and publicity and soup kitchens plus much much more.

'Whoa! I hear you say. Explain more. Well, the idea is to convert the bus into a mobile Community Centre/ project bus/ Volunteer accommodation unit/ Toc H publicity unit. It is hoped that eventually it will travel around the country broadcasting the name and aims of Toc H and acting as a temporary resource centre for Toc H members and Volunteers alike.

'We hope and aim to ensure that the job actually costs Toc H nothing. Friends, supporters, bus lovers, Toc H members and the like are all helping to collect all sorts of items, spares, equipment and materials for the bus, so if you are interested in knowing more about the bus or want to help, then contact Deanise Willis (03631) 22 148. I hope at a later stage to publish a list of bus "needs" in the newsletter in the hope that folks can maybe help. One thing we do need urgently is a name for the bus. In order to help with initial funding a name suggestion list has been started. The idea is that people suggest a name and donate a minimum of R1 for each suggestion. No prizes for the successful name but whoever does get the successful name will be duly recognised. More news later!

Happy Days!

The latter half of June was a busy time for Stowmarket Ladies Branch. On Monday 22 they treated 50 disabled and housebound people to a magical mystery tour of Suffolk villages. Undeterred by heavy showers, the group made a mid-afternoon stop at Trimley, where a lovely tea had been prepared by the local Toc H ladies. The high-light of the afternoon was an energetic sing-song led by George Berry, accordion player extraordinaire.

The following week, it was the Branch members themselves who were treated to a day out, when they were chauffeur-driven by John Burgess to the Toc H Centre at Mundesley. After being welcomed by Trevor Sizer, the group enjoyed lunch in the garden followed by a tour of the house. During the afternoon, they were able to explore the village and go for a gentle stroll along the

cliff tops. In the words of Marjorie Stammers, the Branch Secretary, it was 'a very happy day' and everybody was most impressed by the Centre and all it has to offer. A special word of thanks goes to John Burgess, without whom the trip could not have taken place.

A NWNW Festival

About 500 members and friends gathered in Nantwich Parish Church at the beginning of May to enjoy a splendid Regional Festival. As always it was lovely to meet old friends, to worship with them and to renew that sense of belonging together. The organisation of the event was faultless and everyone enjoyed being looked after even more. A concert by the Manchester Boys' Choir completed a delightful evening.

Toc H and the Carr-Gomm Society

The Rev M B ('Polly') Perkins
and John Trimmer

Over the past five years Toc H and Carr-Gomm have worked together in a number of places, most notably in Sittingbourne, Thanet, Maidstone, Croydon and Falmouth.

On 16 May 1987, the Carr-Gomm House in Thornton Heath, Croydon was officially opened by Richard Carr-Gomm, the founder of the Carr-Gomm Society. The Croydon Carr-Gomm Society was formed in 1984 largely due to Toc H. Bob Mills (former Toc H Staff) put me in touch with John Trimmer and Len Hollidge of Toc H Croydon and Springfield District. These two along with Connie Pring and Marjorie Marsh – all of them Toc H – formed the foundation of the Carr-Gomm (Croydon) Society, along with others. In the space of two years a large double-fronted house, big enough to be the home for six lonely, single people (men and women), and a Housekeeper's

flat, was bought and modified with the help of the South London Families Housing Association. It was a remarkable achievement and a very happy experience for all involved.

Toc H was associated with the start of the Carr-Gomm Society when Tubby contacted Richard Carr-Gomm and asked to meet him and discuss the whole adventure which started in Bermondsey and became the Abbeyfields Society, and later the Carr-Gomm Society. It was Tubby and Richard together who came up with the name Abbeyfields, as it was to be a name like Toc H – it did not tell you what it was, and so made you ask! After founding Abbeyfields Richard Carr-Gomm formed the Carr-Gomm Society in 1965. We have just celebrated 21 years of work and 'Fergie' – the Duchess of York – has honoured us by agreeing to become our Royal Patron.

'Polly' Perkins was a Padre on the Staff of Toc H for many years, and was based in Kent. His growing involvement with the Carr-Gomm Society led to his working for it, first part-time then full time. Although now officially retired, he is still retained as a Consultant. John Trimmer is a member of Toc H Croydon, and is deeply involved with the Society's house there. An article about the Society appeared in the September 1986 issue of Point Three.

Toc H members who have been involved with Carr-Gomm schemes have found it a worthwhile way of implementing their Toc H work in the community. It has proved a really interesting Toc H job or Project for many and has added depth to their expression of the Movement. A lot of the thinking about Toc H Marks of the past and Toc H Houses of today is very much in tune with the Carr-Gomm concept. We have about 130 houses up and down England which are small family type homes with a little 'h' for lonely single people. The map shows the places where there are Carr-Gomm houses or schemes, and should any Toc H Branch or Group want to consider helping with opening a house or befriending one in their locality, they should contact The Rev M B Perkins, 'Rose Cottage', 3 Belgrave Terrace, Laddingford, Maidstone, Kent ME18 6BP.

And now for something different

Matthew Plumridge

Had enough of watching the SOAPS on TV? Wondering how to cope with those fast-approaching Winter evenings? Matthew Plumridge suggests an unusual way of escaping the boredom...

Besides Toc H, I have a number of different interests ranging from collecting Antique Police Truncheons to Dinky toys and Hornby tin plate clockwork railways. I would like to share with you a new interest which I became hooked on about five years ago, and is now a rapidly growing hobby in the collector's world; I collect plywood and wooden jigsaw puzzles.

Puzzles were invented in 1760 and were designed to lighten the severities of eighteenth century education. The idea was that of John Spilsbury, the owner of a print shop in Russel Court in Covent Garden. Puzzles started as dissected maps, with each piece cut around the boundaries of countries and counties. They were packaged in well made oak boxes. Each jigsaw would have been made

of top quality solid wood cut by hand with a marquetry saw. It wasn't until Spilsbury died that his competitors came up with the idea of making the pieces interlocking.

My interest for old plywood and wooden puzzles began when I visited a toy fair in West Sussex. This was not a toy fair for members of the trade, but one at which members of the public could go and buy the old Dinky, Corgi and Matchbox toys and secondhand railways. Inside I met the Rev Tom Tyler, who was exhibiting part of his collection of plywood jigsaws made by Chad Valley Company for the Great Western Railway. I was very impressed by his collection and once I had finished at college and started earning a few coppers, I started collecting them too!

Having bought a few of the really rare puzzles in the GWR series, I broadened the collection in subjects and knowledge by looking into other makers and series. The interesting puzzles I have come across, are the ones produced by Raphael Tucks and Sons Ltd. Their most

popular jigsaws were the Zag-Zaw range. The pieces were not interlocking but were cut into various shapes of heads and animals, bottles and guns, boats, etc. They are very difficult to do, so for those of you who do not have much patience, a Tucks is not for you.

Last summer, I decided to have a jigsaw puzzle party for a few fellow collectors. The only stipulation was that each guest had to bring a bottle of wine and a puzzle. Half way through the evening, we all swapped round on to another puzzle that someone else had been working on. The idea proved to be a great success and from that, formed the Associated Benevolent Confraternity of Dissectologists. The puzzle club has several newsletters a year and hopes to have a meeting for all its members from time to time. Although the club is still quite small, the numbers are growing steadily. The fee is £2.00 per year and the membership card is made of plywood in the form of a puzzle.

Two books have been written on the

Part 2 of this article is written by Toc H member, John Trimmer, who with others from his Branch have found involvement with the Carr-Gomm Society most rewarding.

The Croydon House

My first contact with the Carr-Gomm Society was a telephone call from Rev 'Polly' Perkins. Past experience, as well as hear-say, should have alerted me to the fact that I was being targeted for a task! Sufficient to say that he did his job well and I and another Toc H member find ourselves Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Croydon Carr-Gomm Society and our twisted arms are still recovering.

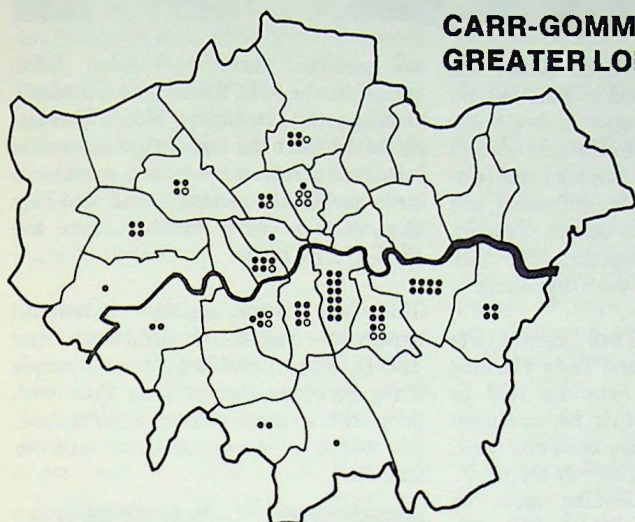
What, then, is it all about? For me, at least, I find the Carr-Gomm aim to provide homes for the genuinely lonely people who also need some measure of support and guidance to cope with some of the daily problems in our complex world both compelling and of growing importance. So I decided to get 'stuck in'. In reality I find the closeness of the concept of Carr-Gomm to that of the Mark and the Centre is such that it is difficult to understand why Carr-Gomm homes have flourished but the Toc H ventures did not.

The Carr-Gomm home in Croydon is providing a real chance for three ladies and three men to lead a real home life

over the long term. There is a Housekeeper whose responsibilities include the provision of unobtrusive but essential counselling when needed, as well as managing the home on a day to day basis, plus some cooking. Standing four square behind this project is a truly dedicated Committee. Membership includes volunteers from the Probation Service, the local housing authority and aid society, the South London Families Housing Association, as well as Toc H members, and individuals who are totally sold on the merits of the Carr-Gomm approach. Their role is to oversee the management of the house, raise money – the eternal problem – select residents and staff, and generally take a personal interest in the home and those who live there.

I suggest that any Toc H District, Branch or member seeking a project to support directly with participation or money need look no further than their nearest Carr-Gomm Society and home. Of course, if any part of Toc H would like to join us in Croydon and perhaps help us plan our next home, please contact either me, John Trimmer on: 01 654 6563, or Aidrian Winstanley, our Secretary, on 073 3814.

CARR-GOMM IN THE GREATER LONDON AREA



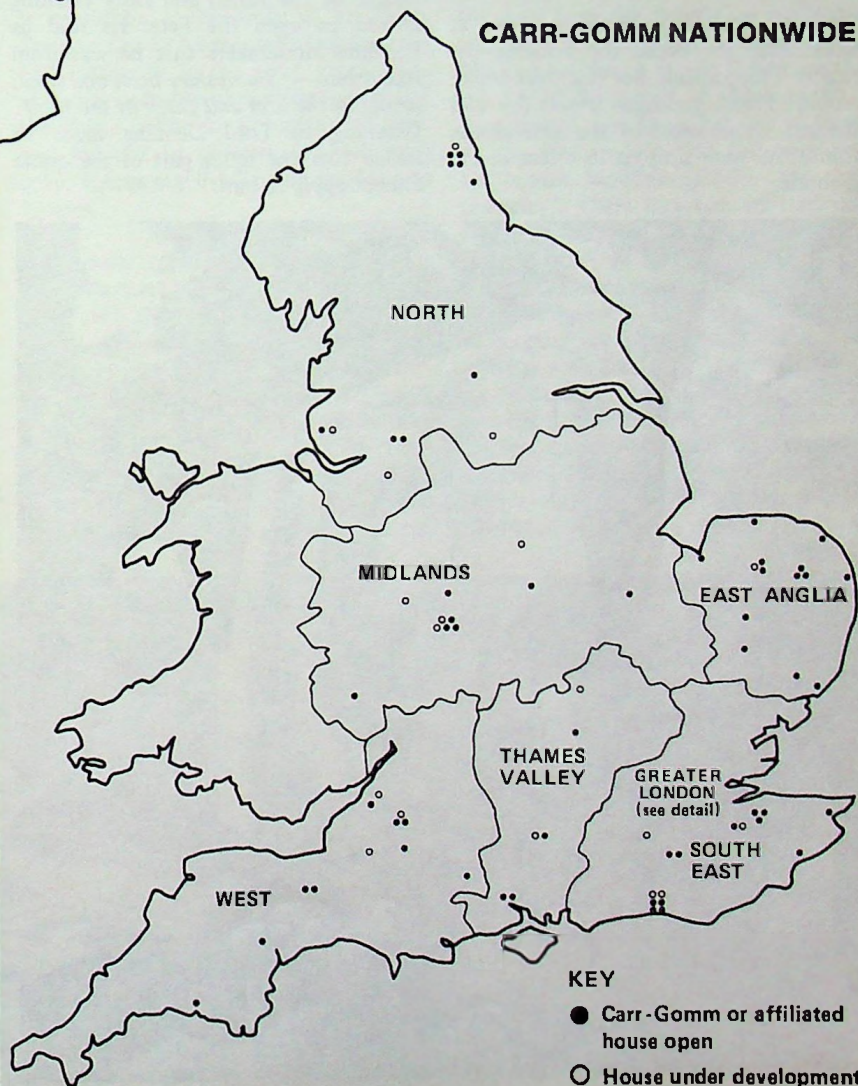
subject, 'The Jigsaw Book' which comes in a box with two replica puzzles of Tom Kitten and the Queen Mary, and the 'English Jigsaw Puzzle 1790 – 1890'. Both books were written by Linda Hannas and are published by Hutchison and Wayland respectively. The Rev Tyler has written a booklet on the GWR series, which is packed full of details on the whole range.

If you would like to join the Associated Benevolent Confraternity of Dissectologists, or would like to know more about jigsaw puzzles, then please write to me and I will gladly help. I am always interested in adding puzzles to my collection, so if you have any old complete plywood and wooden jigsaws you might like to part with, I am always willing to buy. There is still so much we don't know, so if you can give us any information – particularly about manufacturers – or if you have any old brochures, please write and tell me:

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2 Winterhill Way
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and HAPPY PUZZLING!!!

CARR-GOMM NATIONWIDE



COME TO THE FAIR

Carol Button

'Come to the Fair' was the request for No.18 in our Projects booklet. It wasn't quite a fair, but a Fete – a bi-annual, rather big one in fact, held at Greathouse Cheshire Home, Kington Langley, near Chippenham.

Ten volunteers, including one from Germany, one from Spain and one from Southern Ireland, spent a week together helping with the preparations for The Day. This included final folding of about 2,500 programmes and helping to fold into four, some 25,000 – yes 25,000 raffle tickets! If these volunteers ever have trouble sleeping, they will be counting raffle tickets, not sheep. There were also opportunities for shopping with the residents in the City of Bath, taking tea in Marlborough, making a visit to the Wild Life Park and seeing the famous Arboretum at Westonbirt.

Previous Toc H weekend projects at Greathouse are noted for bringing the rain to Chippenham, but this week broke mould. Thank goodness it was dry and the sun shone most of the time as the volunteers were sleeping in a tent in the grounds.

A rota of jobs to be done before and during the Fete included helping to park the cars, act as a 'runner' between the Dog Show and the Commentator – Who's won the prize then? – helping Ernie (one of the residents) to sell his pot plants, and folding yet more raffle tickets – oh no, not again – not forgetting the face painting the volunteers were organising.

Eventually at 2.00pm Lord Denning (late Master of the Rolls) and Lady Denning arrived to open the Fete. He told us Wiltshire Moonrakers that he was from Hampshire – *'Hampshire born and bred; strong in the arm and thick in the head'*. Listening to Lord Denning made us realise that the latter part of the quote did not apply to him.

We reckoned there were about 2,500 people at the Fete, listening to the bands, watching the gymnastics, Morris Men and so forth. After the last of the visitors had left, the volunteers set to and prepared a barbeque for the residents, staff and Fete Committee – who, by then, were too tired to drive home!

This has been another wonderful experience shared by Greathouse and Toc H, made possible by young people living here and sharing their time with people whom society deems handicapped, but whom we have learned to call our friends.



Anatomy of an Experimental Project

Bob Knight

The inside story of how a project is devised, and the risks that have to be taken at different stages, does not always come into the full light of day. Now that the expansion of projects is our priority in extending the influence of Toc H, this account may encourage, and even reassure all who dare to experiment.

In October 1986, the Southern Regional Council members made it clear that a conference in early 1987, in collaboration with Church Action With The Unemployed (CAWTU) would not succeed, in their opinion. Our conclusion was that we did not need to confer. We needed to take action with a designated group of unemployed people. How would we reach such a group, if we could identify them?

In Portsmouth there was the nucleus of a new small Toc H Group, with mature experience of projects at every stage, planning, participating, leading, both weekend and week long events. They declared an interest. Also in that city there was a Youth and Education Adviser, in touch with unemployed young people, and ready to consult with us. So a District Support Group was established and met twice, to hammer out a plot, before the end of November.

What emerged depended on our links with an Adult Training Centre in Newbury, where there would also be mature Toc H support if needed. An appointment was made with the staff of the Centre, who met the two staff members of Toc H, 'without prejudice'. We had questions we had never asked before, and they had no answers because they had never before been asked. 'May

volunteers come to work for a week, on a daily basis, at your Centre?' 'What would they do if they did?' 'Why do you want them to come here?' we were asked.

Our case rested on the two factors, that our volunteers would be unemployed people, and we wanted to offer them an opportunity that had never been offered to anyone before. We did not want to invite them to provide 'slave labour' but personal contact and support in an environment where everyone would be at similar though different disadvantages.

The Centre staff promised to give it more thought and we arranged a second meeting. Meanwhile the deadline for the projects booklet came, so we gritted our teeth and took our first major risk. A cheerful description was drawn up of a project we hoped would take place, and for which only unemployed people could volunteer. The most we dare say was that it would be in Newbury at an Adult Training Centre for mentally handicapped local residents. In the event, our friends at Newbury had to obtain the approval of the Home Office for volunteers to help, and we had to promise full insurance cover against any liability for accidents or injuries.

Meanwhile, applications were made for funds to meet a modest budget. At this stage we did not know where the volunteers would be accommodated, nor how they would get to the Centre daily. So we applied for funds on the worst estimates. While our applications were being considered, by Royal Jubilee Trust Committees in Hampshire and Berkshire, South East Hants Districts of Toc H, and Headquarters to whom a bequest had just

been made for work in Portsmouth, some of our expenditure became clearer.

The Home Office gave approval, and free main meals were promised each day to our volunteers. A minibus in Portsmouth would pick up the party there, and be in use in Newbury all the week, on a given charge for mileage. Our responsibilities were emerging. Best of all, our contact in Newbury secured the offer of the stable lads accommodation at the Racecourse, provided we arranged to come when there were no races. We already knew OUR date - would there be any race meeting? No, there would not.

All that was left was to find the volunteers, invite our two experienced leaders to their third training weekend, and keep in close touch with the Centre as the programme for the week developed.

We now have the benefit of hindsight, and need not have lost so much sleep. The farewell lunch at the Centre on the last day of the project, to which our staff were invited, was like a last day of term. As the Warden said, 'We had overcome the biggest handicap of all - our own prejudice'. There is a rumour that one volunteer is now at the Centre, employed there, though we made it clear from the outset that there was no intention of such a development. Two, perhaps three volunteers, are now planning the next activity with the small Toc H Group in their home town of Portsmouth. In retrospect, a conference would have been plenty of talk, but no action. We wanted action, and we got it, in a small way and with a small group. It looks as if seeds have been sown.



Photos: Carol Button

We will Remember...

We regret to announce the death of the following members:

In May

Eirene K Manders (Milford-on-Sea)
John E Smith (Sandwell)

In June

Irene Brewer (Cardiff)
Frederick C Garner (Ormskirk)
Douglas Haigh (Huddersfield District)
John A Lovsey (Birmingham District)
L Constance Prideaux-Brune (North
Sussex District)
Clifford R Richardson (Darlington
District)
Lilian M Wiltshire (Wolverhampton)

In July

Mollie Linton (Northampton)

Not previously recorded

Griffith R Williams (Welshpool)

Eirene Kate Manders, aged 86, died on 2 May. Eirene trained as a teacher at the PNEV College at Ambleside and later went back to teach. She also worked at the PNEV College at Vicarage Gate. For many years she was teaching at Bishop's College Colombo. Later she was at Ridgeway School, Pennington near Lymington, Hants. Always a keen member she helped us whenever she could until she became too crippled with arthritis.

DJK

John R Davies had been a dedicated member and secretary of the West Kirby Branch for many years until its closure. His many friends and acquaintances in the Movement will be sad to know of his death.

Canon James Bovell Johnson died in East London SA at the end of May. 'He was', says Ken Robson, 'one of God's gentle and good men'. Ken was Chairman of Toc H South Africa between 1966 - 1970 and, he says, 'was privileged to enjoy his friendship'.

Joan Pittwell, who died on 29 May, was a member of Acton Branch for about 40 years, and for most of that time served on its Blind Club Committee. She moved to Whitehill in Hampshire four years ago for reasons of health, but, sadly died in hospital shortly after her admission.

The Activity Club for the Young Blind, out of which was born the Venturers Drama Group, was her brain child. Her mother Gwen, who survives her, was a founder member of Acton LWH. Joan had a lively personality, and the Movement is the poorer for her passing. Our sympathies go to her husband, Douglas.

MEE

Bert Short visited the Old House several times between 1916 and 1918 and met Tubby there - a lovely memory always to him.

MR

Irene Brewer was an original member of the Llandaff Riverside Branch in Cardiff over 40 years ago, writes Agnes Cook. She later joined the Cardiff Joint Branch and became its Secretary for several years. In recent years, owing chiefly to indifferent health, she had become a member of the District Branch. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her over many years.

AC

Constance Prideaux-Brune. On returning from Australia in 1952 I was asked to meet the Women's Association Executive to tell them about Toc H down-under. There I met Constance Prideaux-Brune along with Alison McFie, Annie Barron, Norah Ellison and Norah Edwards - five early members who had piloted

women through the stages of Toc H League of Women Helpers (tea-makers?), Toc H Women's Section (no franchise), to the Registered Charity Toc H Women's Association.

Constance was the only remaining member of this group to see the final integration of women into Toc H as equal members, and as Women's Association Chairman in the early stages of these negotiations I was greatly helped by her quiet wisdom and willing support. As a Trustee of the Women's Association, Constance was involved with the purchase and opening of Alison House, and she and her husband Lance attended the 10th Anniversary Garden Party. A gracious couple who gave a lifetime of care and service to Toc H, they will be sadly missed.

NB

Cliff Richardson joined the staff in 1947 and worked in Yorkshire before appointment as Marks Pilot at Brotherton House in Leeds. Later he went to Newcastle as Northern Area Secretary. His belief in Toc H, his leadership and enthusiasm, combined with a wonderful sense of humour were the hallmarks of his contribution to Toc H. He resigned from the staff in 1951 on his appointment as Secretary to the Northern Region of the Confederation of British Industries in Leeds, and remained there until his retirement in 1975. During that period and by reasons of his connections he was able to assist in establishing the Centre at Colsterdale.

CS

Douglas Haigh of Huddersfield, who died on 30 June, joined Rawthorpe Branch in 1936, later transferring to Crosland Moor Branch. He soon began to take an active part in Toc H affairs and for 17 years was District Secretary. He later served a term as Chairman of the West Yorkshire Area.

His Toc H training also led him into the Huddersfield Workshops for the Elderly and was for a time its Chairman.

In 1964 he was one of the first

Forthcoming Events

September

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| 4 - 6 Project 54. Last Chance at Lecky Lake | Open |
| 5 - 12 Project 55. A week with a difference - Calderstones Hospital, Whalley, Nr Blackburn, Lancs. Min age 18 | Open |
| 9 North Wales and North West REC | |
| 11- 13 Project 89. International Youth Weekend, Poperinge, Belgium | Open |
| 11- 18 Project 56. Living and Loving as a Family, Min age 18 | Open |
| 12- 19 Project 57. Steaming up a Railway Track | Open |
| 13 Cuddesdon House Open Day | Open |
| 18- 20 Project 58. Holiday with Physically Handicapped Children, Mundesley, Norfolk | Open |
| 25- 27 Quiet Weekend, Alison House | Open |
| Inter-Faith Weekend, Cuddesdon | Open |
| 26 South West Regional Council | |

October

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| 3 Colsterdale Open Day | Open |
| 9 - 11 Project 59. Come to Cuddesdon | Open |
| 10 Beds, Bucks and Herts Area Rally, Chalfont Centre | Open |
| East Anglia Area Day, Norwich | Open |
| 17 Southern Regional Council | |
| 23- 25 Notts and Derby Area Weekend, Alison House | |
| 24 North Wales and North Western Regional Council | |
| 24- 31 Project 73b. Painting and Music, Cuddesdon, (new date) | Open |
| 26 - Project 78. Shades of Autumn, | |
| 1 Nov Alison House | Open |

November

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| 6 - 8 Central Council | |
| 13- 15 Project 60. Conservation Weekend, Dorking | Open |

Editor's Note:

Due to pressure of space, the Editor usually has to reduce the length of tributes sent in – and will continue to do so unless the author specifically requests 'All or nothing'!

members of the committee set up by Toc H in Yorkshire to create and manage the Colsterdale Centre, and remained so until his death.

Between 1971 and 1985 he was its Chairman and it was largely due to his dynamic and untiring leadership that the Infant Centre, opened in 1969, grew in stature. One of his last acts as Chairman was to see the lease renewed and the future of the Centre assured for another 21 years.

A modest man, he would scorn the idea of a monument to his memory but if any were needed Colsterdale would be a strong contender.

RS

Elwyn Goodwin was one of the first to rejoin Bangor Branch after the War, and was immediately made Branch Secretary, a position he held for many years, and he was involved with Port Penrhyn right from its inception. His quiet, but lovingly simple manner was only matched by the greatness of his presence amongst us, and he will be sorely and sadly missed. Our deep sympathy goes out to his wife, Phyllis, and their two sons in their great loss.

ER

Mrs Violet Turner, a member of Toc H for over 50 years, died very peacefully on Saturday 11 July 1987 aged 92 years.

She had been an active member of Toc H up until a few months before her death. She was instrumental in starting Rainham Womens' Branch and later Gillingham Womens' Branch, and when that Branch closed she transferred to Twydall Joint Branch. As recently as April 1985 she was Branch Secretary. Over the years she held office at Branch, District and Area level and also served as Central Councillor.

MS

We give thanks for their lives

Christmas at Cuddesdon House

Thursday 24 – Monday 28
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Contact Anne Evans (08677 – 2004) or John Burgess (07072 – 64949) for further details.

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Warden Manor Awards 1988



The aim of the Warden Manor Awards as set out in the original terms of the reference is 'to encourage local initiatives by Districts, Branches or Groups which will extend the influence of Toc H with particular emphasis on the potential for any increase in membership'.

When the selection committee, for the 1987 awards, meet they will be asked to keep that aim in mind; they will also be asked to look for applications which will extend our activities amongst the ethnic minorities.

Details and application forms are being sent out this month.



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Praying for Projects

A number of people have written to me in support of my suggestion that the present emphasis on the development of Toc H Projects should be backed up by prayer, and I am very glad to think that some of us see this as a way in which we can help at the deepest level.

A senior Toc H Padre reminded me recently that Tubby once said 'Once they leave God out, Toc H will die', and indeed on most occasions we remind ourselves that it was God who so wonderfully made Toc H and not we ourselves. And was it not Tubby himself who described Toc H as a 'holy fluke'. I can't help sometimes being apprehensive lest in this time of change Toc H may lose its spiritual roots and become a pleasant 'helpful hand' creature of the times. 'Be ye transformed, not conformed' is what the Book says.

On a more practical note, an idea which came to me was that at taking Light we might also remember the particular project taking place during the week, wherever it might be. At all events each of us might do worse than keep the Projects Booklet handy for reference in our private devotions. A steady movement of faithful prayer will, I am sure, be rewarded by guidance concerning the way forward.

May God bless and prosper the Movement.

Hugh Potts

Hon Reg Padre, W. Midlands

Talbot House

Having returned last week from six days spent in Talbot House, we would like to pass on to other readers what a wonderful

'Come back Noah-all is forgiven'

Colin Rudd

It's no wonder that the weather forms such a major topic of English conversation! Just about the only really positive thing to be said about it is that, by some miracle, we were able to put up tents in the dry and take them down in

the dry at the end of the week. In between, the deluge! Let me explain. The week in question was the July Painting and Music Week at Cuddesdon. For 20 years or more the July week, wherever it has taken place, has been a time of enjoying the sunshine. Groups of people sit outside on the lawns painting, sketching, practising a variety of musical instruments, or just sitting and talking. Cricket flourishes. Water-colourists get agitated about work drying out too quickly, leaving hard lines in their work. The village post office does a roaring trade in ice-creams. It is, in fact, summer. But not this year!

Your television pictures will have told you what was going on – a low pressure area appeared to have developed an unshakeable attachment to these shores, and instead of getting on with the business of moving on to Norway, or Russia – or indeed, anywhere else at all – it rotated lovingly right above us all. However, 45 people – age range 9 - 70+ – can't simply be asked to sit patiently and wait for it to stop raining before they start, and by the first Saturday evening the week was well under way. We all crowded into the Conference Room for introductions. Although many are regulars each year – one or two having been to almost every Painting and Music Week that there has been – each year also sees a number of people who have come for the first time. Introductions, then, are

of real importance and not simply a matter of re-introducing those who are effectively old friends!

The Sunday morning Eucharist saw the Chapel packed – with the rain drumming on the roof – and by ten o'clock we had come to terms with the fact that we would be working indoors at least for today. Perhaps it would brighten up tomorrow?

After coffee we began work on the week's music – 'Daniel Jazz' by Herbert Chappell. The story of Daniel in the lion's den is adapted with an engaging freedom and disregard for history – Daniel is described at the end as 'a Christian man' – and set to music which one feels, does not set out to reflect the music of the fourth century BC! The whole is a noisy, exciting piece, taking about ten minutes in all to perform. Although some have sung it before, others have grown up on much more traditional fare, but they tackle the jazz medium bravely and their enjoyment is evident.

The afternoon is spent painting or drawing – or watching the rain with a kind of unbelieving fascination! Most people find a slot in the lounge, its carpet covered by a large sheet of plastic – while others listen to records or tapes in the Conference Room. Some of the children just go out anyway, and, not for the last time, they get wet.



experience this was. We were a party of 21 (ages ranging from 16 to over 80) led by Bert Hill of NW Region. We came from various parts of the country; some were long standing Toc H members, some quite new, but right from the start we seemed to be a Toc H family.

We all 'mucked in' — the ladies doing the catering expertly supervised by Rose. The men washed up and went out early each morning for fresh bread. How we all enjoyed the Belgian bread!

Morning tasks completed, off we went to various places of interest or browsed around Poperinge or even just enjoyed sitting in the sunshine in the delightful garden behind the house. We found Jacques, the Warden, most helpful; nothing was too much trouble. The new beds can be thoroughly recommended too. A special word of thanks must go to Matthew who drove one of the minibuses.

Meal times at the July Painting and Music Week are, unlike most projects, times when everyone disperses. House guests eat in the house, caravans in their caravans, and most campers either in the food tent (breakfast and lunch) or in Wheatley (supper). In the evenings it takes quite a masterpiece of timing and organisation to get everyone together for eight o'clock for the evening part of the programme. This year the evenings have seen people sharing favourite records, a talk by one of the younger members of the party about Mussorgsky's 'Paintings at an Exhibition', a lace-making demonstration and a splendid evening of Folk-music and dance.

As the week wore on the gloomy, wet weather was beaten back by the sunshine generated by children and adults alike. Some excellent paintings were displayed

He stepped into the driver's seat at very short notice and made a great contribution to the enjoyment of the holiday.

On our last evening we were joined by the Belgian Branch for a service in the Upper Room, then they entertained us with refreshments and a good old sing-song.

It all passed too quickly.

Dennis & Jean Fielding
Sheffield

Talking Newspapers

The 'Round and About' item entitled 'Talking Newspapers' in the July issue of Point Three was of particular interest to our Branch since it was through the efforts of Toc H Richmond upon Thames that a Talking Newspaper for our

Borough was started. It came about as the result of a suggestion by our blind member, Sheila Webb. In November 1978, we called a public meeting at which we managed to get a committee formed. Within six months, £1,500 was raised for equipment, volunteers for the various tasks were recruited and the first weekly tape was circulated to about 50 listeners. Now, after more than eight years a tape goes out every week to over 200 blind listeners and some of us in the Branch are still involved in the production. Christmas cards, and 'thank you' notes sent to the Talking Newspaper throughout the year show how much the service is appreciated, so we can share with Wellingborough Toc H the satisfaction and pleasure to be gained from this worthwhile job.

Joan Chamberlain
Richmond upon Thames

on the final afternoon together with some most interesting and enterprising art work from some of the children. In the last couple of days there was a sudden flurry of instrumental practice as the last evening's concert drew nearer. Several young pianists, a cellist, a violinist, a recorder player, a couple of singers, plus, for the first time, two double bass players and Helen, who really does play the ocarina, were all competing for practice space. (The lawn, of course, was not available — it was raining!)

As well as all these individual efforts our resident five-piece band was busy rehearsing some Chuck Berry numbers. And, of course, the 'Daniel Jazz'. Four hours for rehearsals is not much even for a short piece like this, but everyone worked hard and, by the last evening, it was ready for performance.

By 7.30 that last evening the large room under the Chapel was packed with people, the week's party swollen by parents and friends. Any programme with twenty items on it looks pretty daunting and indeed in recent years the concert has tended to be rather long! This year, however, performers followed each other in quick succession and in not much more than an hour parents and friends were admiring their offspring's efforts with pencil, paint-brush and glue-pot, and then the week was drawing to its close. And yes, you've guessed. It had finally stopped raining! By Friday evening it had not rained for some four or five hours, and by Saturday morning it was trying hard to be summer again — the sun was working hard at breaking through, and there were wasps in the food tent for the first time all week. As I said, the tents came down in the dry! Rain? What rain?



Photos: C. Rudd

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS-Part 1

The Meaning of Membership

John Mitchell

At Central Council, 1986, a Resolution was passed concerning Democracy in Toc H. At its first meeting afterwards the Central Executive appointed a small 'Democracy Working Party' to implement the Resolution and consider other related matters.

This working party has met a number of times and has looked at various aspects of Toc H and in particular has been looking at the whole concept of membership. While having no argument at all with the concept of membership, the Working Party did find itself deeply concerned about membership standards and about misunderstandings of what membership means. I was asked, therefore, to put down some thoughts about this for Point Three in the hope that it might lead to a full debate about the meaning of membership. This is the first of two articles.

If anyone else tells me that we can learn much from the organisation of the RSPB I think I shall have a quite, not too embarrassing, apoplectic fit and fade quietly away! It is becoming the sort of comment that is thrown up as soon as anyone mentions membership, and it is a glorious red herring. How the RSPB organises itself, however well, is of very little relevance to a Movement like Toc H.

Joining Toc H is not 'taking out membership of a charity'. It is not entering into a simple form of contract in which people pay a sum and receive enough 'goodies' to encourage them to join again the following year. True, some members do sometimes say 'What do I get for my money?' but they are, happily, a small minority that has grossly misunderstood the nature of membership. I appreciate I may be being a little unfair to the RSPB (many of whose members give generously for a cause they believe in) but its relationship with its member is still of a totally different type.

At the other, lofty, extreme are those who proclaim that 'Joining Toc H is a commitment to a way of life'. Certainly it is essential that Toc H is seen as a challenge to people to live in a certain way. The concept of Toc H as not just an organisation but, more vitally, a way of life is important, and true. But if we say that membership of Toc H is 'Commitment to a way of life', and no more, it is so woolly as to be almost meaningless. Each of us will tend to define that in terms that we find acceptable, so there will be little consistency of commitment other than in very vague terms. There is, I suggest, much more of a cutting edge to membership of Toc H, and it goes to the heart of the Movement. It is enshrined in the regular use of the word 'Family' and alongside that, the increasing use of the expression 'a dispersed community' by which some of us try and explain Toc H.

The Cutting Edge

The essence of joining Toc H — and remaining active in it — is a commitment to follow a way of life, but in a specific community, in a particular fellowship. It is a commitment to the rest of the Family, or community. It is actually, and primarily, a promise to other people, that we will join them in a shared experiment with a way of living. It is not just a nice, safe, private contract with myself, but a public promise that others can 'count me in', depend on me, and travel with me. It is not so far removed from the sort of undertaking a person makes when they join a particular religious community — an undertaking to travel spiritually, but in the very solid and concrete company of other specific human beings. It is the commitment to the others that is the cutting edge, and the painful bit. Without it, commitment is disembodied. Its essence is to travel with other, flesh and blood, sometimes awkward and difficult human beings. That's the cutting edge.

This whole concept is based on the idea that Toc H is a 'dispersed community'. The early members would, I think, have felt this to be a powerful reality, and it is the basis on which we expect any member, throughout the world, to be welcome and feel at home in Toc H anywhere. He or she can join in any part of Toc H confident that any part will share the same aspirations and aims as another. From the earliest days the word 'Family' was emphasised to make this point. It is still used today, and for that same reason.

The Threat of Parochialism

The concept of the wide family or 'dispersed community' is always in danger. There is always the temptation to see Toc H parochially, and I have before now heard people say 'Toc H, to me, is my branch'. That is a sad

misunderstanding of the nature of the Movement. The Group in which we experience our normal Toc H activities is, of course, crucial, but if Toc H is just a collection of people in separate local Groups, it has ceased to be a community, and has disabled itself tragically. Its power is in the knowledge that each of us is part of a Movement of thousands of people, travelling the same way, and to whom we are pledged.

When we join Toc H, we do not just join a local unit. We join the whole, world-wide Family of Toc H. The membership card reads '... and I undertake to work towards these aims by becoming a member of the Movement' so the new member is part of the whole, as well as having his or her membership registered in a specific Branch or Group.

The mundane matters too

Joining is also a statement that we can be counted on. It applies to the big things — that we are known by others to have entered into a commitment to Service, to Fairthinking, and so on. But, and sometimes even more important, it is a promise to 'share the chores'. In my earlier example, life in a religious community is as much about an obligation to share the day to day work of the community as to a high spiritual life — in fact they are interlinked. In a community like Toc H the person who wants to joyride, but will take no responsibility for the day to day running of the Movement, is like the monk who is 'above' mundane things like washing up! The real heroes are the ones who get 'stuck in' to committees and accounts and money raising, and the other sometimes boring, tasks which have to be done. In so doing, they help to maintain the community for others who may see themselves as rather more ethereal. A way of Community, or Fellowship, means journeying together through the valleys of hard work, pain and difficulty, as well as the occasional arrival at a summit of joy and fellowship and euphoria.

Membership is also a statement to those elsewhere, who do not know individuals personally, that appeals for help will not go unconsidered. When the leadership seeks help from the 'membership' it is addressed to that same membership in confidence that it is addressed to people who are committed to Toc H, so will give the appeal a sympathetic and careful hearing. The answer may be 'No' or 'Not this time' but it must be coupled with an



understanding that it was fine to be asked, because we are all on the same journey. It is quite different from any sort of appeal to a random public, for in that case we first have to try and explain why Toc H is worth helping; we cannot count on commitment and a hearing.

To the 'non-joiner'

Finally some thoughts about the non-joiner. In the first place, Toc H has been immensely well supported by some people who, from deep conviction, never join; their help is greatly valued, and their point of view must be respected. Equally, there are those who clearly feel that they are not yet ready to join; that too must be respected and welcomed. There are, though, those who find non-joining a soft option, because it avoids the cost of membership, and I am not speaking just in financial terms, but I am talking about the chores again. They need to be lovingly challenged. And there are those who feel that, somehow, becoming a member diminishes their personal freedom. To them I can only

quote the wisdom of Jean Vanier, Founder of the L'Arche Community for people with a mental handicap and those who help them. In his book *'Community and Growth'* — a source of much deep wisdom about Community — he writes:—

'Some people flee from commitment because they are frightened that if they put down roots in one soil they will curtail their freedom and never be able to put down roots elsewhere. It is true that if you marry one woman you give up millions of others — and that's a curtailment of freedom! But freedom doesn't grow in the abstract: it grows in a particular soil with particular people. Interior growth is only possible when we commit ourselves with and to others.'

Personality Point

The following new members were registered during June/July:

Walter R J & Ivy V Lennon (Bournemouth & Christchurch J), Elaine Hill, Jacqueline L Lane (Central), Mrs E M Brooksbank (Ecclesfield W), Lawrence J Lambert (Louth J), John & Kathleen Cripps (Milford-on-Sea J), Leslie E Doughty (Nailsea M), Doris I Search (Nailsea W), Sidney J Trustcott (St Thomas — Exeter J), Fred & Dorothy Appleton, Cluny Blenkey, Juliet B Hill, Maud Snowden (Saltburn (J) Grp), Florence M Oughton (Sandown/Shankin J), Bessie M Giles (Sittingbourne J), John F Hooper (Tetbury M), Dennis W & Georgina M Langley (Warwickshire District), Michael G Preston (Wimborne Tiggers (J) Grp), Brenda Love (Wolds District).

Welcome to 23 new members.

Welcome to Sue Biggerstaff



Sue has just joined us here at Wendover as an LTV. She will be Point Three's very own 'roving reporter', visiting and writing about various parts of the Movement's life.

She has just spent three years at Liverpool University, studying successfully for a degree in Politics. Her first love, however, is journalism, in which she hopes to make her career. She has come to know Toc H from the inside over the course of the last 14 years — having a father on the staff does tend to open your eyes to most sides of the Movements life!

If you think you have something going on which it would be worth her coming to visit then please let me know. It would be good to be able to respond to your ideas and suggestions, though, of course, we cannot promise to cover everything.

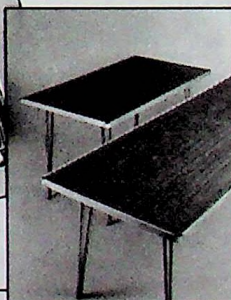
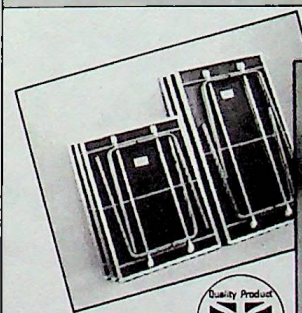
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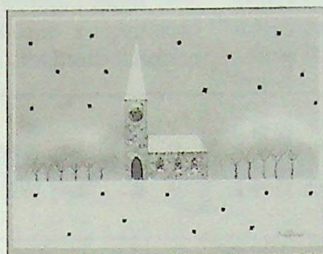
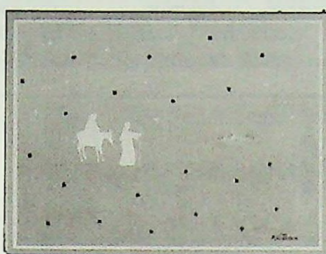
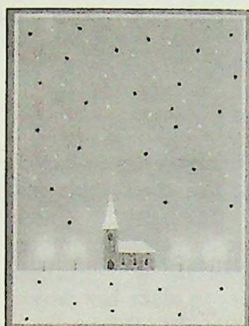
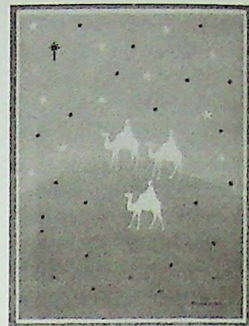
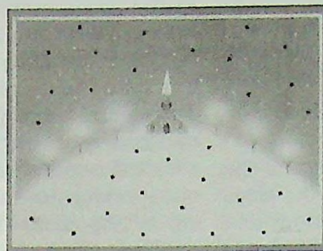
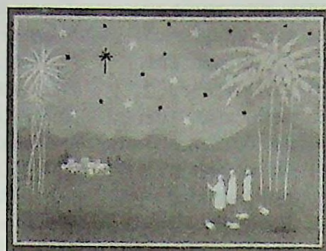
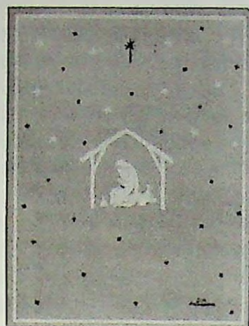
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Toc H Christmas Cards



The cards illustrated here were produced by the South Western Region but are available from Headquarters.

There are two versions available 'Religious' and 'Robins', they are both approximately 3" x 4" and the cost is 45p per pack plus 10p per pack for postage.

Please order direct from Toc H Headquarters, 1 Forest Close, Wendover, Aylesbury, Bucks HP22 6BT, and state which design you require. Cash with order please. Alternatively ask your Central Councillor to get these for you at Central Council in November to save postage.

